

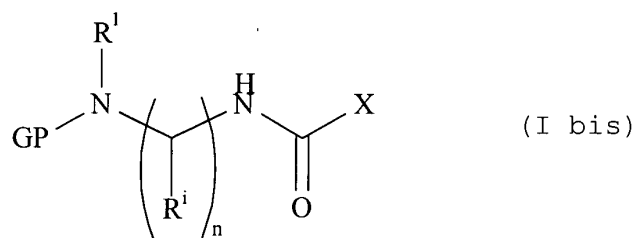
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-39 (canceled)

40. (new) A compound having the formula (I bis)



wherein

- "n" is a whole number greater than or equal to 1,
- "i" is a whole number varying from 2 to n+1,
- GP represents a protective group selected from a hydrogen atom, an oxycarbonyl (ROCO), acyl, alkyl, aryl, urea, phthalimide (with $R^1 = \emptyset$), biotin, O_2 (with $R^1 = \emptyset$) group, or the "GP-N" entity forms an " NH_2^+ " entity,
- groups R^1 and R^i can each represent independently from each other: a hydrogen, a halogen, the protected or unprotected side chain of an amino acid selected from natural and synthetic amino acids, a (C_1-C_{20}) alkyl group, an alkyl group whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms, a

group OR_a, NH₂, OH, -COOR_a, -CONHR_a, -CONH₂, -CH₂COOR_a,
CH₂CONHR_a, -CH₂CONH₂,

R_a representing an allyl, benzyl, t-butyl, fluorenylmethyl, alkyl having 1 to 20 carbon atoms group, or an aryl group whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms,

- X group represents a group conferring on the compound of formula (I bis) a structure of an activated derivative of carbamic acid, wherein said X group is a compound selected from phenols, optionally substituted with at least one nitro or at least one halogen, or hydroxylamine, or hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole, 1-oxo-2-hydroxydihydrobenzotriazine (HODhbt), 7-aza-1-hydroxy-benzotriazole (HOAt), 4-aza-1-hydroxy-benzotriazole (4-HOAt), imidazole and tetrazole,

- R¹ and Rⁱ groups can also form a cycle, and wherein said compound is not one of the following compounds selected from the group consisting of:

n=2, GP=Boc, R¹=isobutyl, R²=R³=H, X=4-nitrophenol;

n=2, GP=Boc, R¹=benzyl, R²=R³=H, X=4-nitrophenol;

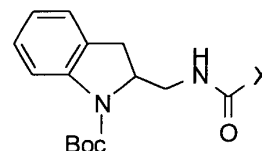
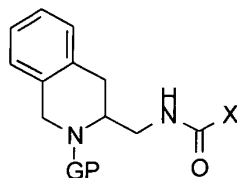
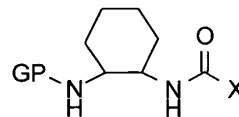
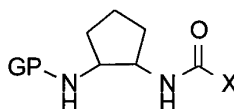
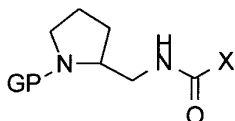
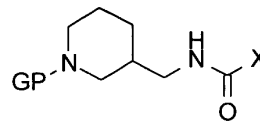
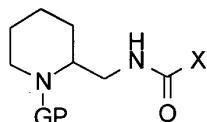
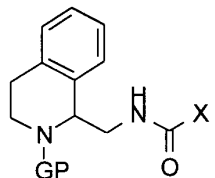
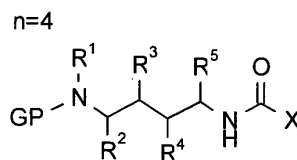
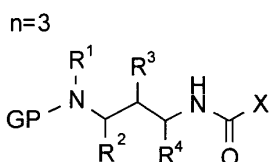
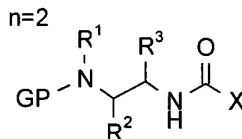
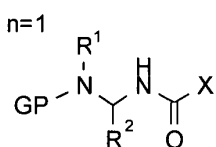
n=2, GP=Boc, R¹=CH₂-p-C₆H₄Ot-Bu, R²=R³=H, X=4-nitrophenol;

and

n=2, GP=Boc, R¹=H, R²=R³=H, X=4-nitrophenol.

41. (new) The compound according to claim 40, having the formula (I bis) in which $1 < n < 4$, and X is from p-nitrophenol, N-hydroxysuccinimide, pentafluorophenol, hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole or imidazole, and GP is an oxycarbonyl group or acyl group.

42. (new) The compound according to claim 41, having one of the following formulas:



43. (new) The compound according to claim 42, wherein X is a N-hydroxysuccinimide group.

44. (new) The compound according to claim 40, wherein the aryl group is substituted with 1 to 6 substituents selected from the group consisting of an alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkoxy of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, amine of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, ester of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, urea, amide of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, carboxylic acid of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, nitrile, nitro, guanidine, aryl whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms, and a halogen atom.

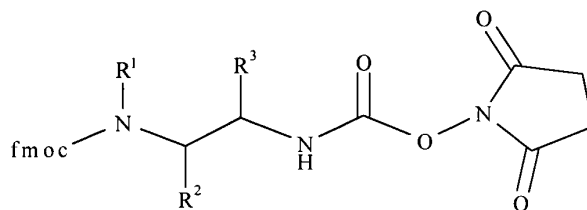
45. (new) The compound according to claim 40, wherein the alkyl group is substituted with one or several substituents selected from the group consisting of $-\text{COOR}_h$, $-\text{CONHR}_h$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OR}_h$, $-\text{NHR}_h$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NH}(\text{CO})\text{R}_h$, aryl whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms, halogen, carbonyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, nitrile, and guanidine,

R_h representing an allyl, benzyl, t-butyl, fluorenylmethyl, alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or an aryl group whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms.

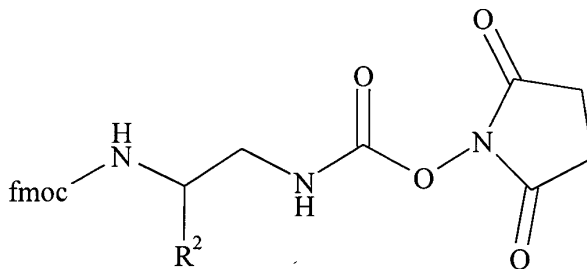
46. (new) The compounds according to claim 43, wherein GP is an oxycarbonyl group.

47. (new) The compound according to claim 46, wherein GP is a Fmoc or Boc group.

48. (new) The compound according to claim 41, wherein GP is a Fmoc group and $n = 2$, having the following formula:

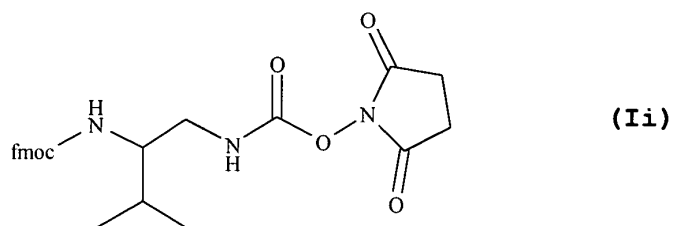


49. (new) The compound according to claim 48, wherein R¹ and R³ represent hydrogen atoms, said compounds having the following formula:

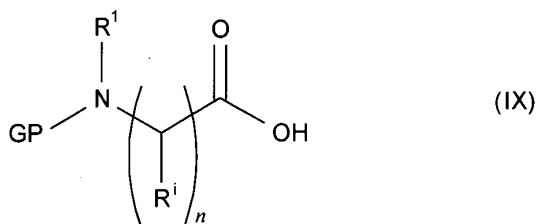


50. (new) The compound according to claim 43, wherein R^2 represents a (C_1 - C_{20}) alkyl group, optionally substituted with a phenyl group, and wherein said phenyl group is optionally substituted with an alkoxy group.

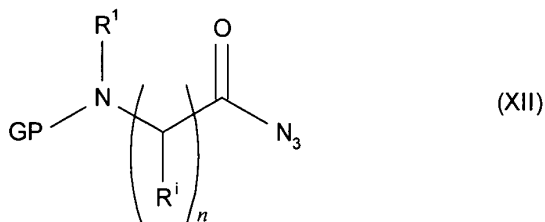
51. (new) The compounds according to claim 44, having the following formula:



52. (new) A process for preparing of a compound according to claim 40, comprising:
providing a compound of formula (IX)



transforming said compound (IX) into a corresponding acyl azide (XII)



transforming said acyl azide (XII) by Curtius rearrangement into a corresponding isocyanate (II),

treating said isocyanate (II) under conditions that provide a carbamic acid compound of formula I bis.

53. (new) The process according to claim 52, wherein transforming said compound (IX) into a corresponding acyl azide (XII) is carried out by treatment of a mixed anhydride, formed by the reaction of acid compound (IX) with ethyl or isobutyl chloroformate in the presence of a tertiary amine, wherein said tertiary amine is NMM (N-methylmorpholine), DIEA (di-isopropylethylamine), or Et₃N in THF (tetrahydrofuran) with a sodium azide solution,

- wherein said step of transforming acyl azide (XII) into a corresponding isocyanate (II), is carried out by heating a solution of acyl azide in a solvent, and

- wherein a compound selected from the group consisting of N-hydroxysuccinimide, phenol, penta-fluorophenol, pentachlorophenol, p-nitrophenol, 2,4-dinitrophenol, 2,4,5-

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trichlorophenol, 2,4-dichloro-6-nitro-phenol, hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole, imidazole, tetrazole, 1-oxo-2-hydroxydi-hydrobenzo-triazine (HODhbt), 7-aza-1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOAt) and 4-aza-1-hydroxybenzo-triazole (4-HOAt), is the compound treating isocyanate (II) to obtain a carbamic acid derivative of formula (I bis).